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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Alert on Request to be Received from Senator
Proxmire, Vice Chairman, Joint Economic
Committee

1. Attached is a note from Leon Herman of the Library of Congress staff to one of our senior people. It outlines a study that Senator Proxmire is expected to levy on the Agency in the near future.

2. The key question in essence is -- how can the Soviets, working from a much smaller economic base, essentially match the U.S. in military might? Senator Proxmire is thinking of an unclassified piece, about 100 printed pages in length, to be completed this summer.

3. You may wish to bring this to the DCI's attention, and there may be solid reasons for not doing this study for the J.E.C.

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Attachment:
as stated

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TO :
FROM : Leon M. Herman *LMH*
SUBJECT : Proposed study for Joint Economic Committee

The Joint Economic Committee has come up with a new request for a staff study to be published sometime later this year.

The form in which this request came is both laconic and startling. It came from the vice chairman of the Committee who has been looking into all kinds of domestic military procurement problems within the past few months. This may be how the idea came to him in the first place.

He began by saying that we ought to update the Soviet statistical report. Then he proceeded to spell out some of his ideas on what the coverage should be on this next go-round. He thought the general title should be something like "The National Economy [Economic Growth] and the Military (Security) Programs of the USSR". The size could be smaller, about a 100-page print. It ought to include everything we know (or can deduce) about their military expenditures, defense programs, research and development, transport capacities, foreign military assistance, etc.

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This calls for some intensive pooling of our collective resources in imagination. The data base here, I am quite certain, is extremely narrow. We ought to think of a number of chapter headings, which will sound both fundamental to the economy and close enough to the security field to fit under this generally ominous topic. At the moment, I can only think of such headings as the following:

- Growth Record of the Soviet Economy during the Sixties
- Manpower Resources of the USSR
- The Industrial Base
- The Research and Development Establishment
- Transportation Capabilities of the USSR
- Foreign Aid and Military Assistance
- Role of Eastern Europe in Soviet Military Assistance

Hope you take it from here.

P.S. We may find some leads in the material covered by Chapter #5 in T.B. Larson's recent "Disarmament and Soviet Policy 1964-1968" (L.C. 69-11362). His scheme may be useful, as a skeletal structure although we should be able to put more flesh on the bones in question.

L.M.Herman

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